

**357H.2 Petition for public hearing.**

1. The board shall, on the petition of twenty-five percent of the residents of a proposed rural improvement zone, if the assessed valuation of the property owned by the petitioners represents at least twenty-five percent of the total assessed value of the proposed zone, hold a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed zone. The petition shall include a statement containing the following information:

a. The need for the proposed zone, which shall be based upon a report of a licensed professional engineer prepared not more than two years before the date the petition is filed, and that includes all of the following:

- (1) Surface area of the lake in acres.
- (2) Number of acres of land comprising the lake's watershed.
- (3) Soil classification of the land comprising the lake's watershed.
- (4) Description of all current land uses within the lake's watershed.
- (5) Estimate of historical annual silt accumulation for the lake during the twenty years immediately preceding the year in which the engineer's report was completed.
- (6) Estimate of the amount of silt currently accumulated in the lake.
- (7) Estimates of annual silt accumulation in the lake for the twenty-year period following establishment of the rural improvement zone.
- (8) Estimate of remaining space available to the proposed zone in existing detention basins for storage of dredged and removed silt.
- (9) Estimate of storage space that will be required to store dredged and removed silt from the lake for the twenty-year period following establishment of the rural improvement zone.
- (10) Assessment of the current water quality of the lake.
- (11) Assessment of the current need for preventative practices to improve the water quality of the lake.
- (12) Assessment of the impact preventative practices will have on the water quality of the lake.
- (13) Estimate of the cost to effectively address erosion control and water quality for the twenty-year period following establishment of the rural improvement zone.

b. A description of the boundaries of the proposed zone.

c. The approximate number of families in the proposed zone.

2. A copy of the report prepared by the licensed professional engineer and used to prepare the petition shall be submitted with the petition under [this section](#).

3. The board may require the petitioners to post a bond conditioned upon the payment of all costs and expenses incurred in the proceedings if the zone is not established.

[97 Acts, ch 152, §2](#); [2015 Acts, ch 97, §4, 5](#)

Referred to in [§357H.1](#), [§357H.3](#), [§357H.10](#)